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i.e. the removal of metals from contaminated soil or aqueous media (Salt et al., 1998).

[0013] However, practical difficulties have still to be solved in order to efficiently use said
5 hyperaccumulators, among which are the slow growth rate and low growth habit (rosette) of many hyperaccumulators, and the specific nature of their metal tolerance (Ernst 1995).

Aims of the invention

10 [0014] The present invention aims to provide polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences associated to cadmium tolerance and accumulation in plant cells.

[0015] The present invention also aims to provide polynucleotide sequences and regulatory sequences
15 containing said polynucleotide sequences able to improve cadmium tolerance of plant cells, when expressed in foreigner organisms.

[0016] The present invention aims to provide a recombinant plant expressing said polynucleotidic sequences
20 which could be used for phytoremediation applications and/or for phytoextraction applications.

[0017] A last object of the present invention is to provide such a plant or plant cell or tissue expressing said polynucleotide sequence which presents a sufficient
25 growth rate for phytoremediation applications and from which cadmium can be easily extracted for recycling purposes.

Definitions

30 [0018] It is meant by "phytoremediation" the use of green plants to remove pollutants from the environment or to render them harmless. Phytoextraction, phytodegradation, rhizofiltration, phytostabilisation, phytovolatilisation

and the use of plants to remove pollutants from air (Salt et al., 1998).

[0019] Phytoextraction is the use of pollutant-accumulating plants to remove metals or organics from soil
5 by concentrating them in the harvestable parts.

[0020] Preferably, said phytoremediation is a hyperaccumulation, which means the capacity of said plants to accumulate heavy metals in greater quantities than a plant normally does. It is meant by "hyperaccumulator" a
10 plant containing in their aerial parts at least 10 times, preferably at least 100 times more metals than other plants grown on contaminated soil (for cadmium the threshold is 100 $\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight (0.01%)(Ref. Brooks et al. Trends in Plant Science, vol.3 no.9 p.359-362)).

15 [0021] The term « polypeptide » refers to any peptide or protein comprising two or more amino acids joined to each other by peptide bonds or modified peptide bonds, i.e., peptide isosteres. This term "polypeptide" refers to both short chains, commonly referred to as
20 peptides, oligopeptides or oligomers, and to longer chains, generally referred to as proteins. Polypeptides may contain amino acids other than the 20 gene-encoded amino acids. "Polypeptides" include amino acid sequences modified either by natural processes, such as posttranslational processing,
25 or by chemical modification techniques which are well known in the art. Such modifications are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs, as well as in a voluminous research literature. Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone,
30 the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications.

Polypeptides may be branched as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Cyclic, branched and branched cyclic polypeptides may result from posttranslational natural processes or may be made by
5 synthetic methods. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative,
10 covalent attachment of phosphatidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-linkings, formation of cystine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation,
15 hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. See, for
20 instance, PROTEINS - STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Comany, New York, 1993 and Wolt, F., Posttranslational Protein Modifications: Perspectives and Prospects, pp. 1-12 in POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C.
25 Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, 1983; Seifter et al., "Analysis for protein modifications and non-protein cofactors", *Meth. Enzymol.* (1990) 182 : 626-646 and Rattan et al., "Protein Synthesis: Posttranslational Modifications and Aging", *Ann NY Acad Sci* (1992) 663 : 48-62.

30 [0022] The term "polynucleotide" generally refers to any polyribonucleotide or polydeoxyribonucleotide, which may be unmodified RNA or DNA or modified RNA or DNA. "Polynucleotides" include, without limitation single- and double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and

double-stranded regions, single- and double- stranded RNA, and RNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, hybrid molecules comprising DNA and RNA that may be single-stranded or, more typically, double-stranded or a
5 mixture of single- and double-stranded regions. The term "Polynucleotide" also includes DNAs or RNAs containing one or more modified bases and DNAs or RNAs with backbones modified for stability or for other reasons. "Modified" bases include, for example, tritylated bases and unusual
10 bases such as inosine. A variety of modifications have been made to DNA and RNA; thus, "Polynucleotide" embraces chemically, enzymatically or metabolically modified forms of polynucleotides as typically found in nature, as well as the chemical forms of DNA and RNA characteristic of viruses
15 and cells. "Polynucleotide" also embraces relatively short polynucleotides, often referred to as oligonucleotides.

[0023] The term "variant" as used herein, refers to a polynucleotide or polypeptide that differs from a reference polynucleotide or polypeptide respectively, but
20 retains essential properties. A typical variant of a polynucleotide differs in nucleotide sequence from another, reference polynucleotide. Changes in the nucleotide sequence of the variant may or may not alter the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide encoded by the reference
25 polynucleotide. Nucleotide changes may result in amino acid substitutions, additions, deletions, fusions and truncations in the polypeptide encoded by the reference sequence, as discussed below. A typical variant of a polypeptide differs in amino acid sequence from another
30 reference polypeptide. Generally, differences are limited so that the sequences of the reference polypeptide and the variant are closely similar overall and, in many regions, identical. A variant and reference polypeptide may differ in amino acid sequence by one or more substitutions

(preferably conservative), additions and deletions in any combination. A substituted or inserted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code. A variant of a polynucleotide or polypeptide may be a naturally occurring such as an allelic variant, or it may be a variant that is not known to occur naturally. Non-naturally occurring variants of polynucleotides and polypeptides may be made by mutagenesis techniques or by direct synthesis. Variants should retain one or more of the biological activities of the reference polypeptide. For instance, they should have similar antigenic or immunogenic activities as the reference polypeptide. Antigenicity can be tested using standard immunoblot experiments, preferably using polyclonal sera against the reference polypeptide. The immunogenicity can be tested by measuring antibody responses (using polyclonal sera generated against the variant polypeptide) against purified reference polypeptide in a standard ELISA test. Preferably, a variant would retain all of the above biological activities.

[0024] The term "identity" is a measure of the identity of nucleotide sequences or amino acid sequences. In general, the sequences are aligned so that the highest order match is obtained. "Identify" *per se* has an art-recognised meaning and can be calculated using published techniques. See, e.g.: (COMPUTATIONAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, Lesk, A.M., ed., Oxford University Press, New York, 1988; BIOCOMPUTING: INFORMATICS AND GENOME PROJECTS, Smith, D.W., ed., Academic Press, New York, 1993; COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF SEQUENCE DATA, PART I, Griffin, A.M., and Griffin, H.G., eds, Humana Press, New Jersey, 1994; SEQUENCE ANALYSIS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, von Heijne, G., Academic Press, 1987; and SEQUENCE ANALYSIS PRIMER, Gribskov, M. and Devereux, J., eds, M Stockton Press, New York, 1991). While there exist a number of methods to measure identity between two

polynucleotide or polypeptide sequences, the term "identity" is well known to skilled artisans (Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., *SIAM J Applied Math* (1998) 48 : 1073). Methods commonly employed to determine identity or
5 similarity between two sequences include, but are not limited to those disclosed in Guide to Huge Computers, Martin J. Bishop, ed., Academic Press, San Diego, 1994, and Carillo, H., and Lipton, D., *SIAM J Applied Math* (1988) 48 : 1073. Methods to determine identity and similarity are
10 codified in computer programs. Preferred computer program methods to determine identity and similarity between two sequences include, but are not limited to, GCG program package (Devereux, J., et al., *J Molec Biol* (1990) 215 : 403). Most preferably, the program used to determine
15 identity levels was the GAP program, as was used in the Examples hereafter.

[0025] As an illustration, by a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence having at least, for example, 95% "identity" to a reference nucleotide sequence is
20 intended that the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotide is identical to the reference sequence except that the polynucleotide sequence may include an average up to five point mutations per each 100 nucleotides of the reference nucleotide sequence. In other words, to obtain a
25 polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a reference nucleotide sequence, up to 5% of the nucleotides in the reference sequence may be deleted or substituted with another nucleotide, or a number of nucleotides up to 5% of the total nucleotides in the
30 reference sequence may be inserted into the reference sequence. These mutations of the reference sequence may occur at the 5' or 3' terminal positions of the reference nucleotide sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among

nucleotides in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

[0026] Fragments of polypeptides are also included in the present invention. A fragment is a polypeptide
5 having an amino acid sequence that is the same as a part, but not all, of the amino acid sequence of the aforementioned polypeptides. As with polypeptides, fragment may be "free-standing" or comprised within a larger polypeptide of which they form a part or region, most
10 preferably as a single continuous region. Representative examples of polypeptide fragments of the invention, include, for example, fragments from about amino acid number 752 to about amino acid number 1030 of the polypeptide. In this context "about" includes the
15 particularly recited ranges larger or smaller by several, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid at either extreme or at both extremes.

[0027] Preferred fragments include, for example, truncated polypeptides having the amino acid sequence of
20 polypeptides, except for deletion of a continuous series of residues that includes the amino terminus, or a continuous series of residues that includes the carboxyl terminus and/or transmembrane region or deletion of two continuous series of residues, one including the amino terminus and
25 one including the carboxyl terminus. Also preferred are fragments characterised by structural or functional attributes such as fragments that comprise alpha-helix and alpha-helix forming regions, beta-sheet and beta-sheet forming regions, turn and turn-forming regions, coil and
30 coil-forming regions, hydrophilic regions, hydrophobic regions, alpha amphipathic regions, beta amphipathic regions, flexible regions, surface-forming regions, substrate binding region, and high antigenic index regions. Other preferred fragments are biologically active

fragments. Biologically active fragments are those that mediate the protein activity, including those with a similar activity or an improved activity, or with a decreased undesirable activity. Also included are those
5 that are antigenic or immunogenic in an animal or in a human.

Summary of the invention

[0028] The present invention is related to isolated
10 and purified genetic sequences from *Thlaspi caerulescens*, said sequence being selected from the group consisting of SEQ.ID.NO.1 to SEQ.ID.NO.32 as well as other sequences isolated from unknown (micro)-organisms SEQ.ID.NO.33 and SEQ.ID.NO.34.

15 [0029] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.1 or SEQ.ID.NO.5 or SEQ.ID.NO.7 or their complementary strand.

[0030] The present invention is also related to
20 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.3 or SEQ.ID.NO.33 or their complementary strand.

[0031] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95%
25 with SEQ.ID.NO.9 or SEQ.ID.NO.13 or their complementary strand.

[0032] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.11 or SEQ.ID.NO.15 or their
30 complementary strand.

[0033] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95% with SEQ.ID.NO.17 or their complementary strand.

[0034] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.19 or SEQ.ID.NO.27 or their complementary strand.

5 [0035] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, with SEQ.ID.NO.29 or their complementary strand.

[0036] The present invention is also related to
10 genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 95% with SEQ.ID.NO.31 or their complementary strand.

[0037] The present invention is also related to genetic sequences which present an homology higher than 98% with SEQ.ID.NO.23 or higher than 99% with SEQ.ID.NO.21 or
15 SEQ.ID.NO.25 or their complementary strand.

[0038] The present invention is also related to polypeptide sequences encoded by the polynucleotide sequences mentioned hereabove, their active fragments and variants.

20 [0039] Active fragments or variants of the polypeptide sequences according to the invention are molecules which present the same activity with one or more genetic modifications (such as deletion or addition of one or more amino-acids) in the complete sequences mentioned
25 hereabove, such as naturally occurring allelic variants. Such modifications do not modify the above mentioned percentage of homology or sequence identity.

[0040] An example of said fragments is the portion of SEQ ID N° 4 starting from aminoacid 719 up to aminoacid
30 1134 which comprises the COOH terminal portion of sequence SEQ ID N° 4. Said terminal portion comprising amino acids that are able to bind heavy metals.

[0041] Said variants are also molecules which present a similar activity to the polypeptides according to

the invention through the same biochemical pathway and acting similarly upon the same active site.

[0042] The polypeptides can be also integrated as "native" protein or are part of a fusion protein or may
5 advantageously include additional amino-acid sequences which contain secretory or leader sequences, prosequences, sequences which elute in purification such as multiple histidinoresidue or an additional sequence for stability during recombinant production (tag His in the C-terminal
10 sequence).

[0043] Said polypeptides may comprise also marker sequences which facilitate purification of the fused polypeptide with a sequence as an hexa-histidine peptide as provided in the PQE vector (Invitrogen Inc.) and described
15 by Gentz et al., Proceeding National Academic of Science of the USA, 1989, Vol. 86, pp. 821-824) or an HA tag or glutathione-S transferase. The corresponding polynucleotide may also contain non-coding 5' and 3' sequences such as transcribed non-translated sequences, splicing and poly-
20 adenylation signal and ribosome binding sites.

[0044] Another aspect of the present invention is related to a vector comprising the polynucleotide or polypeptide according to the invention, said vector being preferably a plasmid, a virus, a liposome or a cationic
25 vesicle able to transfect a cell and to obtain the expression of said polynucleotide by said cell.

[0045] The vector according to the invention may be a shuttle vector for suitable transformation of different types of cells.

30 [0046] A further aspect of the present invention concerns the cell (prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell) or the plant transformed by or comprising the vector according to the present invention and their use for phytoremediation

(including phytoextraction) of media (such as soils), contaminated by heavy metals.

Detailed description of the invention

5 • Material and methods

Plant cDNA bank

[0047] A cDNA bank from leaves of one of the best Cd hyperaccumulator population of *Thlaspi caerulescens* (Roosens et al. Plant cell and Envir. Vol 26, p 1657-
10 1672) was integrated in the pYX212 vector. The pYX212 vector is a yeast/*E. coli* shuttle vector for expression in *S. cerevisiae* sold by R&D ingenius company (Madison, USA). Insert was under the activity of the triose phosphate isomerase promoter, which is one of the strongest
15 constitutive promoter in yeast. pYX212 is a 2 μ plasmid, replicates autonomously in yeast, being maintained at 25-100 copies per cell. The plant cDNA were cloned between the EcoRI and the XhoI sites. The selection marker was URA3 in yeast.

20 Yeast strain used for transformation

[0048] The *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* wild-type strain used for transformation experiments was BY4741 ATCC Number 201388 ("Yeast Genetic Stock Collection" in the ATCC Global Bioresource Center).

25 E.coli strain used for transformation

The *E.coli* strain used for experiments was DH5 alpha ATCC Number 53868.

Plasmid isolation from yeast and transformation of E.coli strain

30 [0049] Small scale isolation of plasmid DNA from yeast for transformation in *E.coli*. was done according to the method disclosed in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology 1993 John Wiley & Sons, Inc (Chapter 13).

[0050] Transformation of *E. coli* was done by electroporation according to the method described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology 1993 John Wiley & Sons, Inc (Chapter 1).

5 Plasmid isolation from *E.coli* and retransformation of yeast

[0051] Plasmid isolation from *E. coli* was performed with the Wizard Plus Miniprep DNA Purification Systems (Promega).

[0052] Transformation of yeast by Li Cl. Gietz, R.D
10 & Schiestl, R.H. (1995) has been carried out using the technique disclosed in Methods Mol. Cell. Biol. 5, 255-269.

• Results

[0053] The plant cDNA library of *Thlaspi*
15 *caerulescens* was screened in the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* wild-type yeast strain BY4741. The transformants were plated on minimal medium supplemented with cadmium. From 430.000 *S. cerevisiae* transformants, 200 clones growing on 15µM cadmium were identified. To confirm the correlation
20 between the cadmium tolerance phenotype and the expression of the plant cDNA, plasmids have been rescued and yeast has been re-transformed. From 200 plasmids, 150 have been re-tested and 110 have been reconfirmed by drop tests on 20 µM cadmium and further sequenced. From sequence analysis, 19
25 different non-redundant cDNAs were identified encoding proteins displaying significant homology with:

- group I: metal detoxification related proteins:
 - phytochelatin synthase 1;
 - 2 different isoforms of metallothionein type 3 (type 3a
30 and type 3b);
 - metallothionein type 2;
 - metallothionein type 1;

- metallothionein related protein;
- group II: metal transport related proteins corresponding to Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPases;
- group III: signalling pathway related proteins:
- 5 ▪ a heat shock transcription factor;
- transcription factor IID;
- group IV: other proteins:
- SAM: salicylic acid carboxyl methyl transferase;
- chlorophyll a/b binding proteins;
- 10 ▪ 40S ribosomal protein;
- Photosystem I subunit.

[0054] 3 proteins were classified in a last group V with unknown function.

[0055] The results of sequence analysis and
15 functional classification of said identified cDNAs are presented in Table 1.

[0056] It should be noted that cDNAs of group II correspond to four truncated cDNAs encoding proteins with similarity to the C-terminal region of putative heavy-metal
20 P-type ATPases, also called in the present description "CPx-ATPases".

[0057] Said results show that the majority of the identified cDNAs encode proteins known to have a potential role in heavy metal tolerance as metal binding proteins,
25 metallothioneins and phytochelatins, and heavy metal binding domain of putative CPx-ATPases that display $Zn^{2+}/Co^{2+}/Cd^{2+}/Pb^{2+}$ substrate specificity.

Analysis of cDNAs encoding truncated putative CPx-ATPases

• *In silico* analysis:

30 [0058] *In silico* analysis of the previously identified cDNAs encoding truncated putative CPx-ATPases showed a higher similarity with the C-terminus of *A. thaliana* HMA4

and these corresponding sequences in *T. caerulescens* were therefore hereafter called "TcHMA4".

[0059] The deduced TcHMA4 proteins encoded by cDNAs 71, 165 and 199 lacked the putative catalytic domain while
5 keeping the putative heavy metal binding domains. In contrast, cDNA 64, the longest isolated, encoded a protein which contains the ATP-binding site.

- Heterologous expression in yeast:

10 [0060] To confirm and to compare the ability of *Thlaspi* cDNAs 64, 71, 165 and 199 to increase cadmium tolerance to *S. cerevisiae*, BY4741 cells expressing these cDNAs were further analysed for their cadmium tolerance (FIG. 2: Evaluation of growth in the presence of cadmium.
15 Transformants of the yeast strain BY4741 containing empty plasmid pYX212 as negative control and pYX212 with *Thlaspi* cDNAs 199, 165, 64 and 71 were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A₆₀₀ of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water. 5 µl aliquots of each
20 dilution were spotted either on non-selective cadmium plates or on plates with 20 and 40 µM CdSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated at the top of the figures).

[0061] Control cells (carrying the expression vector
25 pYX212) grew normally in the absence of cadmium but were highly sensitive to cadmium and no growth was observed on 40 µM CdSO₄.

[0062] Cells expressing cDNAs 71, 165 and 199 were able to grow on 20 and 40 µM CdSO₄.

30 [0063] Expression of cDNAs 71 and 165 afforded the best cadmium tolerance. Growth was still observed at dilution 10³ (~125 cells / 5 µl aliquot) on 40 µM CdSO₄.

[0064] In contrast, cells expressing cDNA 64 were more sensitive compared to cells expressing the three other cDNAs and no growth was observed on 40 μ M CdSO₄.

[0065] Because growth tests with the wild type strain BY4741 require a high zinc concentration (11 mM ZnSO₄), zinc related phenotype was also tested in the zinc hypersensitive *zrc1cot1* double mutant. This yeast strain lacks two vacuolar transporters (ZNT1 and COT1, which confer Zn resistance by its sequestration into the vacuole (Li and Kaplan, 1998)) and was more sensitive to zinc than the parental wild type strain (MacDiarmid *et al.*, 2003).

[0066] The profile of growth of transformed *zrc1cot1* on Zn was similar to the one of transformed BY4741 on Cd. Yeast cells expressing cDNAs 71 and 165 showed the best zinc tolerance. No difference in growth was observed between control cells and cells expressing cDNA 64 at the used concentrations (*FIG. 3: Evaluation of growth in the presence of zinc*. Transformants of the zinc hypersensitive *zrc1cot1* double mutant (parental strain BY4741) containing control plasmid pYX212 and pYX212 with *Thlapsi* cDNAs 199, 165, 64 and 71 were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A₆₀₀ of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water. 5 μ l aliquots of each dilution were spotted either on non-selective zinc plates or on plates with 1 and 1,2 mM ZnSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated at the top of the figures).

Cloning of a TchMA4 full-length coding sequence

[0067] To isolate a full-length cDNA, a RT-PCR approach was used. As the cDNA 71 (with the cDNA 165) confers the best tolerance to cadmium and zinc when overexpressed in yeast, this cDNA was completely sequenced

and used as a starting sequence to determine reverse primers.

[0068] Since the highest homology was found with the *A. thaliana* HMA4, the *T. caerulescens* corresponding gene was named TcHMA4 (SEQ ID NO.4 (FIG. 1)).

Sequence analysis of TcHMA4:

[0069] The amino-acid sequence deduced from TcHMA4 aligned well with several *A. thaliana* HMAs. The TcHMA4 deduced amino acid sequence displayed 69% identity and 76% similarity with the AthMA4 sequence.

[0070] The TcHMA4 and AthMA4 deduced protein sequences display the characteristic features of CPx-ATPases in addition of the conserved motifs of P-type ATPases (the DKTGT phosphorylation motif and the GDGxNDx ATP binding motif).

[0071] Transmembrane (TM) predictions were used from various programs together with the hydropathy calculated by the Kyte-Doolittle algorithm (Kyte and Doolittle, 1982), as well as with the information from the location of conserved sequences to predict the locations of transmembrane domains in HMA4.

[0072] TcHMA4 as AthMA4 are predicted to contain eight transmembrane domains with a small cytoplasmic loop between TM domain 4 and 5 and a large cytoplasmic loop between TM domains 6 and 7, which are characteristics of CPx-ATPases.

[0073] The CPx motif (C₃₆₁PS in TcHMA4; C₃₅₇PC in AthMA4) was found in the sixth transmembrane domain as well as a specific HP (H₄₄₅ in TcHMA4; H₄₄₁ in AthMA4) sequence located in the large predicted cytoplasmic domain, 39 amino acids downstream of the phosphorylation site.

[0074] Besides features typical of CPx-ATPases, the TcHMA4 sequence also displayed significant differences from

those, which it shared with AtHMA4. Both TcHMA4 and AtHMA4 lacked the N-terminal metal associated domain (GMTCxxC).

[0075] Nevertheless, both the pfam and PROSITE databases recognise a "heavy metal associated domain" in the N-termini of Tc- and At-HMA4.

[0076] The presence of a long COOH extension after the eight transmembrane domain was another particular feature that TcHMA4 shared with AtHMA4 (478 amino acids for TcHMA4 and 470 amino acids for AtHMA4) and to a lesser extent with AtHMA2 (267 amino acids). All these three peptides also contained three additional cysteine motifs - C(x)₄C, C(x)₃-₅CC, CC - and a His rich domain within their extended C-terminus which could be involved in heavy metal binding.

[0077] The His rich domain was present in AtHMA1, where it was associated with a single CC dipeptide, but in this case in the N-terminal domain. The TcHMA4 C-terminal fragment corresponding to the cDNA identified during the screening in yeast, consisted of TcHMA4 residues 758 to 1186 and hence lacked the putative catalytic domains while keeping the putative heavy metal binding domains. These could be responsible for the higher tolerance to Cd²⁺ conferred to yeast that overexpressed that peptide.

Metal tolerance in yeast expressing truncated and full length HMA4 coding sequences

• Cadmium tolerance test:

[0078] To investigate cadmium specificity of HMA4, heterologous expression in *S. cerevisiae* was carried out. The wild type strain BY4741 was transformed with the pYX212 vector expressing TcHMA4-C and TcHMA4 coding sequences under the control of the strong constitutive TPI (triose phosphate isomerase) promoter. Growth was monitored on

solid and in liquid media containing various cadmium concentrations.

[0079] Expression of *TcHMA4-C* allowed *S. cerevisiae* cells to grow in the presence of 15 μ M on solid up to 50 μ M CdSO₄ on liquid media, which reduced growth of control cells bearing the pYX212 cloning vector.

[0080] In contrast, cells expressing full-length *TcHMA4* were far more sensitive to CdSO₄ than the control cells (FIG. 4 Effect of HMA4-C and HMA4 expression on cadmium tolerance in two yeast strains. Yeast BY4741 and CM100 cells transformed with the pYX212 plasmid (grey columns) and with pYX212 containing the *T. caerulescens* (a, b) and *A. thaliana* (c,d) 5' truncated cDNA, HMA4-C (white columns), and full-length cDNA, HMA4 (black columns), were grown in liquid YNB-ura without or with 10 to 50 μ M CdSO₄. Cells were incubated at 30°C for 24h).

[0081] To investigate whether the effects of *HMA4* and *HMA4-C* expression were strain-dependent, another wild type strain, *CM100*, was transformed with the recombinant pYX212-*HMA4* plasmids. *CM100* strain is much more sensitive to cadmium than *BY4741* and cadmium tolerance of cells expressing truncated coding sequence as well as cadmium sensibility of cells expressing full-length coding sequence were confirmed in *CM100* yeast strain.

[0082] To compare *TcHMA4* with its *Arabidopsis* orthologue, a full-length *AthHMA4* cDNA and its truncated version coding for the C-terminal portion (residues 767-1172) were cloned in pYX212 and expressed in yeast.

[0083] Similar phenotypes as those described for *Thlaspi* sequences were observed in *BY4741* and in *CM100*.

[0084] Nevertheless, in both yeast strains, the *TcHMA4-C* and *AthHMA4-C* peptides showed consistent differences in their ability to confer cadmium tolerance. The tolerance conferred by *AthHMA4-C* was lower. This

difference was visible at lower concentrations in *CM100* than in *BY4741* (at 20 μM CdSO_4 for *CM100* and at up to 50 μM CdSO_4 for *BY4741* (FIG.4).

[0085] These results were confirmed on solid medium
5 (on 40 μM CdSO_4).

[0086] On the contrary, there was no significant difference in the enhanced cadmium sensitivity conferred by the entire plant HMA4 protein.

10 Expression of HMA4 in plants:

[0087] The expression of *TcHMA4* was studied in planta, in shoots and roots, by Northern blot analysis under stringent conditions (FIG. 5 Northern blot of HMA4 expression in *T. caerulescens* and *A. thaliana*. (a) Total RNA was
15 isolated from shoots and roots of the hyperaccumulator *T. caerulescens* and the nonaccumulator *A. thaliana*. Plants were exposed to 10 and 100 μM CdSO_4 for 24h. Northern blots equally loaded with 15 μg of total RNA were probed with respectively 3' terminal part of *TcHMA4* and *AtHMA4* ($\pm 1,2$
20 kb) and after stripping with 18S rRNA as a loading control. Expression levels were normalized to 18S rRNA. Results are averages ($\pm\text{SE}$) from three independent experiments. (b) Total RNA was isolated from roots of three contrasting populations of *T. caerulescens* different in their cadmium
25 tolerance and accumulation : Prayon (Belgium), St Felix de Pallières (France) and Puente Basadre (Spain). Plants were exposed to 100 μM CdSO_4 for 24h).

[0088] In the roots of all tested 3 populations the constitutively high expression of *TcHMA4* was confirmed. No
30 significant difference in the abundance of *TcHMA4* expression could be detected between these three populations by Northern blot.

Analysis of *Thlaspi caerulescens* cDNAs encoding metallothioneins

[0089] Five different MT cDNAs have been identified. Four encoded proteins representative of the plant MT family (type-1, -2 and -3) while the fifth encoded amino acid sequence displaying similarity to invertebrate MTs but not with plant sequences. Because of the unique distribution pattern of cysteine residues in MTs, according to Cobbett and Goldsbrough (Ann. Rev. Plant Biol, Vol. 53 p 159-182) (2002), and high sequence similarity with *Arabidopsis* MTs, proteins-encoding *Thlaspi* cDNAs identified were designated as *Thlaspi* type-1, -2 and -3 metallothioneins (TcMTs). The cDNA encoding protein with no homology with plant proteins was named *MRP*, for Metallothionein Related Protein.

Type-3 Metallothioneins:

[0090] The cDNAs 10 and 51 are respectively 465 bp and 463 bp long, encoding both 67 amino acid residues. These sequences share 94% nucleic sequence identity with each other in the coding region and 92% / 83% in the 3' and 5' untranslated regions respectively. Amino acid sequence identity was 85% and similarity 87%.

Metallothionein Related Protein (MRP):

[0091] The cDNA 114 is 626 bp long and contains a coding region of 204 bp, with a 89 bp 5' and 300 bp 3' untranslated regions. The open reading frame encodes a protein of 68 amino acids. Seven identical cDNA clones encoding 68 amino acid protein were isolated during the screening.

[0092] A sequence search indicates that the deduced protein has homology to invertebrate metallothioneins. No homology was found with plants. For this reason, the protein encoded by cDNA 114 was named "MRP" for Metallothionein Related Protein.

[0093] Actually, the highest homology of MRP was not found with another MT, but with ultra high sulphur keratin proteins (longer proteins) from human and mouse. However, cysteine and serine residues are responsible for this
5 homology.

[0094] The deduced MRP sequence exhibits characteristics of MTs with regard to number of cysteine residues and molecular size, but its pattern of cysteine residues cannot be aligned with cysteines of plant MTs. MRP
10 does not share the typical feature of plant MT proteins which are characterized by the presence of cysteine-rich domains in both N- and C- termini, with the central domain devoid of cysteines.

[0095] The arrangement of cysteine residues in MRP
15 is peculiar. First, the 16 cysteine residues are distributed throughout the polypeptide. The two (in type 1, 2 and 3 MTs) or the three (in type 4 MTs) highly conserved cysteine-rich domains are absent. Secondly, although some cysteine residues are arranged in motifs common in plant
20 MTs, X-Cys-Cys-X, Cys-X-Cys or single Cys residue, others appear in an atypical motif Cys₄₀-Cys-Cys.

[0096] Moreover, the deduced MRP sequence has a high serine content (19%) besides the high cysteine content (23,5%).
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Cadmium tolerance test in yeast:

[0097] The ability of *Thlaspi* metallothionein cDNAs to increase cadmium tolerance of *S. cerevisiae* was checked using BY4741 cells expressing *TcMT* cDNAs for cadmium
30 tolerance test. cDNAs expressed from pYX212 in BY4741, were used for a growth drop test on agar medium containing 0, 20 and 40 μ M CdSO₄. Plasmids carrying the expression vector (pYX212) or the *Thlaspi* phytochelatin synthase 1 cDNA (*TcPCS1*) were used as negative and positive controls,

respectively. Phytochelatins are known to play an important role in cadmium detoxification in plants and were previously shown to increase the cadmium tolerance in *S. cerevisiae* (FIG. 6: Transformants of the yeast strain BY4741 containing empty plasmid pYX212 as negative control and TcPCS as a positive control, and pYX212 with *Thlapi* cDNAs of interest: TcMT3a, TcMT3b, TcMT2, TcMT1, MRP, were grown in liquid minimal medium overnight. Cultures were adjusted to A₆₀₀ of 1 and serially 10-fold diluted in water. 5 μ l aliquots of each dilution were spotted either on non-selective cadmium plates or on plates with 20 and 40 μ M CdSO₄. After three days of incubation at 30°C, plates were photographed. Dilutions are indicated above the figures. Two individual clones of each yeast transformants were 10 analysed).

[0098] Cells carrying the expression vector grew normally in the absence of cadmium but were highly sensitive to cadmium and no growth was observed on 40 μ M CdSO₄.

20 [0099] In contrast, cells expressing *TcPCS1* were able to grow on 20 and 40 μ M CdSO₄.

[0100] *TcMT3a*, *TcMT3b*, *TcMT2* and *TcMT1* cDNAs improved cadmium tolerance to the same extent, colony growth was observed at all dilutions on 20 μ M CdSO₄. Cells 25 expressing *MRP* showed the best cadmium tolerance and were still able to grow on 40 μ M CdSO₄ at the highest dilution.

TcMT mRNA expression in plants:

[0101] Expression of TcMT was analysed in three contrasting populations of *T. caerulescens*, namely Prayon 30 (moderately Cd tolerant with the lowest Cd concentration), Puente Basadre (the least tolerant population) and St Félix de Pallières (the most tolerant population).

[0102] RNA was isolated from three weeks old plants grown in normal medium or treated with 100 μ M CdSO₄ for

72h. The full length labelled cDNA of *Thlaspi* MTs were used as probes in northern blotting.

[0103] The level of *TcMT3* transcripts was more abundant in shoots than in roots of *Thlaspi* plants and was not
5 cadmium regulated. Abundance of *TcMT3* transcripts was remarkably higher in shoots of St Felix de Pallières, the best Cd tolerant and hyperaccumulator population, than in those from Puente Basadre and Prayon. No difference between populations was observed in roots.

10 [0104] No difference in the level of *TcMT-1* and *-2* expression was found upon cadmium treatment whatever the population studied. However marked differences were observed between shoots and roots. *TcMT1* mRNA was abundant in shoots and undetectable in roots whereas *TcMT2* was
15 expressed in both shoots and roots with mRNA level slightly higher in shoots than in roots.

Transformation experiments in non hyperaccumulator plants (for example tobacco plants or *A. thaliana* plants):

[0105] Maximum 4 genes of *Thlaspi caerulescens*
20 related to cadmium tolerance will be selected and constructions in binary vectors will be made in order to overexpress them in cadmium sensitive and non hyperaccumulator plants like *Arabidopsis thaliana* or Tobacco plants. Control plants will be transformed with
25 empty binary vectors (for example pBIN19).

[0106] The interest for tobacco plants comes from the fact that tobacco has no wild relatives in the European flora and the use of sterile transgenic tobacco plants is already a strategy selected by pharmaceutical firms to
30 overproduce therapeutic molecules in fields (Queyrel, 2002). The transformation of chloroplasts or another cell compartment may be used to avoid gene flow.

[0107] Concerning the obtention and selection of transgenic lines, integration of transgenes will be tested

by PCR. Overexpression will be analysed by Northern blotting, the number of transgene copy will be estimated by segregation analysis and Southern blotting. Homozygous lines with 1, maximum 2 copies will be selected among the
5 best overexpressors since transgene stability is favoured by low copy number. Minimum 4 independent transgenic lines per construction will be selected for further study.

[0108] Concerning the characterisation of transgenic lines, a growth test in hydroponic and mineral analysis
10 will be done as follows: seeds of selected lines will be sown and plants will be transferred in hydroponic culture where the metal treatment can be precisely and homogeneously controlled and roots as well as the leaves can be easily harvested. Fresh and dry weight of heavy
15 metals-treated and non-treated plants will be measured. Heavy metals contents and allocation (proportion in leaves and roots) will be analysed by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. Phytoextraction capacities of the different lines (measured as the heavy metal concentration
20 in the shoot multiplied by the shoot biomass) will be compared with the control plants and with the original hyperaccumulator species.

[0109] The best transgenic lines can be further tested on polluted soils. In the future, the best lines can
25 be crossed to ameliorate the phytoextraction capacity.

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30 Tobacco plants. Control plants will be transformed with empty binary vectors (for example pBIN19).

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10 lines with 1, maximum 2 copies will be selected among the best overexpressors since transgene stability is favoured by low copy number. Minimum 4 independent transgenic lines per construction will be selected for further study.

[0113] Concerning the characterisation of transgenic
15 lines, a growth test in hydroponic and mineral analysis will be done as follows: seeds of selected lines will be sown and plants will be transferred in hydroponic culture where the metal treatment can be precisely and homogeneously controlled and roots as well as the leaves
20 can be easily harvested. Fresh and dry weight of heavy metals-treated and non-treated plants will be measured. Heavy metals contents and allocation (proportion in leaves and roots) will be analysed by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. Phytoextraction capacities of the
25 different lines (measured as the heavy metal concentration in the shoot multiplied by the shoot biomass) will be compared with the control plants and with the original hyperaccumulator species.

[0114] The best transgenic lines can be further
30 tested on polluted soils. In the future, the best lines can be crossed to ameliorate the phytoextraction capacity.

cDNA No	Putative function (number of homologous cDNA isolated)	Identity (%)	Organism	# ORF (aa)	Note
I. Metal detoxification					
# 8	Phytochelatrin synthase 1 (60)	78% on 485 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAD50593 (485)	1
# 10	Metallothionein type 3a (54)	78% on 69 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAB67234 (69)	1
# 51	Metallothionein type 3b	81% on 69 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAB67234 (69)	1
# 167	Metallothionein type 2 (2)	91% on 81 aa	A. thaliana	sp P25860 (81)	1
# 213	Metallothionein type 1 (1)	69% on 45 aa	A. thaliana	sp P43392 (45)	1
# 114	Metallothionein related protein (7)	45% on 24 aa	Paracentrotus lividus	sp P80367 (68)	1
II. Metal transport					
# 64	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	79% on 259 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
# 71	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	38% on 414 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	3
# 165	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	37% on 191 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
# 199	Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase (1)	44% on 333 aa	A. thaliana	sp O6447 (1172)	4
III. Signalling pathway					
# 159	Heat shock transcription factor (2)	91% on 187 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAC31792 (401)	2
# 50	General transcription factor IID (1)	93% on 134 aa	A. thaliana	pir T05098 (134)	1
IV. Others					
# 169	SAM: salicylic acid carboxyl methyl transferase (1)	71% on 197 aa	A. thaliana	dbj BAB10919 (354)	2
# 92b	Chl A-B binding protein (1)	98 % on 169 aa	A. thaliana	gi 115767 (267 aa)	3
# 82	40S ribosomal protein (1)	98 % on 90 aa	A. thaliana	gi 9758155 (248 aa)	2
# 65b	Photosystem I subunit (1)	96 % on 101 aa	A. thaliana	gi 7488011 (219 aa)	3
# 27	Glycosyltransferase	82% on 78 aa	A. thaliana	gi2281088 (449 aa)	4
V. Unknown					
# 62	Unknown protein (2)	92% on 268 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAG40376 (268)	1
# 79	Unknown protein (1)	71% on 232 aa	A. thaliana	emb CAC01778 (232)	1
# 215	Unknown protein (1)	94% on 56 aa	A. thaliana	gb AAG51060 (327)	2

1 - complete coding sequence cloned
2 - complete coding sequence cloned but partially sequenced
3 - truncated coding sequence cloned
4 - truncated coding sequence cloned and partially sequenced

Table 1. Summary of the identified cDNAs.

Results of databases searches using the BLASTX (+ BEAUTY) program. The number of times that each cDNA has been identified is indicated in brackets.

Remark concerning Table 1:

- (1): complete coding sequence cloned;
- (2): complete coding sequence cloned but partially sequenced;
- 5 (3): troncated coding sequence cloned;
- (4): troncated coding sequence cloned and partially sequenced;
- (5): troncated coding sequence cloned in yeast but further completed by
Rt-PCR and 5' RACE;
- clone#8 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.1 and 2;
- 10 - clone#71 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.3 and 4;
- clone#10 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.5 and 6;
- clone#51 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.7 and 8;
- clone#167 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.9 and 10;
- clone#114 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.33 and 34;
- 15 - clone#213 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.11 and 12;
- clone#159 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.13 and 14;
- clone#27 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.15 and 16;
- clone#50 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.17 and 18;
- clone#169 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.19 and 20;
- 20 - clone#92b corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.21 and 22;
- clone#65b corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.23 and 24;
- clone#82 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.25 and 26;
- clone#79 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.27 and 28;
- clone#62 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.29 and 30;
- 25 - clone#215 corresponds to SEQ.ID.NO.31 and 32.

CLAIMS

1. An isolated and purified polypeptide useful in phytoremediation, presenting more than 40%, 50%,
5 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% sequence identity with the sequence SEQ.ID.NO.4, its variants and active fragments thereof.

2. The isolated and purified polypeptide sequence according to claim 1 wherein the sequence is
10 isolated and purified from *Thlaspi caerulescens*.

3. A polynucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide sequence according to the claims 1 or 2.

4. The polynucleotide sequence according to claim 3 further comprising, operably linked to it, one or
15 more adjacent regulatory sequence(s).

5. The polynucleotide sequence according to the claim 4 which is a sequence presenting more than 40%, preferably 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 85%, 90% or 95% sequence identity with SEQ.ID.NO.3, its variants and active
20 fragments thereof.

6. The fragment of the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 having an amino acid sequence starting from the amino acid 719 up to amino acid 1134 of SEQ ID NO.4.

7. A vector comprising the polynucleotide
25 sequence(s) according to claim 3 or 4.

8. A recombinant host cell or plant transformed by one or more polynucleotide sequence(s) according to claim 3 or 4 or the vector according to claim 7.

9. The recombinant host cell according to claim 8, which is selected from the group consisting of bacteria (*E. coli*) or fungi, including yeast.
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10. The recombinant host cell according to claim 9, said host cell being *S.cerevisiae*.

11. The recombinant host cell according to claim 8, said host cell a plant cell.

12. The recombinant host cell or plant according to claim 8, which is selected from the group
5 consisting of *Arabidopsis thaliana*, tobacco, plants of the Brassicaceae family, and of the Caryophyllaceae family.

13. A method for the phytoremediation treatment of a medium, preferably a soil, contaminated by heavy metals, preferably cadmium, said method comprising
10 the step of cultivating upon said contaminated medium a genetically transformed plant according to the claim 8 or 12.

14. The method according to the claim 13 wherein said phytoremediation is a phytoextraction
15 treatment of the medium which comprises the step of recovering and destroying said cultivated plant and or the step of recovering said heavy metals from said cultivated plant.

TcHMA4	1	MAIQKEIKNKKEIKKTKKKQRKSYFDVLGICCTSEVP	IIENILSLDGVKEIVIVPSRT
AtHMA4	1	MAIQNKEEEKKKVKKLOKSYFDVLGICCTSEVP	IIENILSLDGVKEISVIVPSRT
AtHMA2	1	MAEKEESKKMNLOKSYFDVLGICCTSEVP	IIENILSLDGVKEISVIVPSRT
AtHMA3	1	MAEKEESKKMNLOKSYFDVLGICCTSEVP	IIENILSLDGVKEISVIVPSRT
AtHMA1	1	MEPATLTSSSLTEFPYRRGLSTRLRVNIFS	LPPKTLKOKPLRISASINIPPR
TcHMA4	61	VIVVHDSLLISPFQIAKALNOARLEANV	VNGETSFKNKWPSPFAVVSGIIFLL
AtHMA4	57	VIVVHDSLLISPFQIAKALNOARLEANV	VNGETSFKNKWPSPFAVVSGIIFLL
AtHMA2	47	VIVVHDSLLISPFQIAKALNOARLEANV	VTGETSFKNKWPSPFAVVSGIIFLL
AtHMA3	53	VIVVHDSLLISPFQIAKALNOARLEANV	VTGETSFKNKWPSPFAVVSGIIFLL
AtHMA1	59	TRRAVEDHHHDHHDDEQHHNHHHHHH	QHCCSVELKAEKPKQKMLFGFAKAIGWVRL
		TM1	TM2
TcHMA4	114	LSFLKEVYPLRRLAVAGVAAGIYPILA	KAVASI
AtHMA4	110	LSFLKEVYPLRRLAVAGVAAGIYPILA	KAVASI
AtHMA2	100	LSFLKEVYPLRRLAVAGVAAGIYPILA	KAVASI
AtHMA3	106	LSFLKEVYPLRRLAVAGVAAGIYPILA	KAVASI
AtHMA1	119	ANLLEHLHLCCSAAMFPAAVCPYLAP	PEPIKSLQNAFMIVGFPLVGVASLDALMDI
		TM3	
TcHMA4	148	RRLRDINILVITVAATLAMODVEAAAVVLETT	ADWLEIRTSYKANSVMQSLMSLAP
AtHMA4	144	RRLRDINILVITVAATLAMODVEAAAVVLETT	ADWLEIRTSYKANSVMQSLMSLAP
AtHMA2	134	RRLRDINILVITVAATLAMODVEAAAVVLETT	ADWLEIRTSYKANSVMQSLMSLAP
AtHMA3	140	RRLRDINILVITVAATLAMODVEAAAVVLETT	ADWLEIRTSYKANSVMQSLMSLAP
AtHMA1	179	AGGKVTHHVLMAAFAFASVFMGNATEGSL	LAMENAHIAIEEFFISESMVDVKELKESNP
		TM4	
TcHMA4	208	OKAVIAETG	EEVEVDEQNTVAVKAGETIPDCNVDGNCVEDEKT
AtHMA4	204	OKAVIAETG	EEVEVDEQNTVAVKAGETIPDCNVDGNCVEDEKT
AtHMA2	194	OKAVIAETG	EEVEVDEQNTVAVKAGETIPDCNVDGNCVEDEKT
AtHMA3	200	OKAVIAETG	EEVEVDEQNTVAVKAGETIPDCNVDGNCVEDEKT
AtHMA1	239	DSALHIEVHNGNVPNISDLSYKSVFVHS	MEVGSYVLVGTGEIIPDCNVDGNCVEDEKT
		Phosphatas	
TcHMA4	256	MGFAPEYPRORDMVLASTNNNGYTN	NWALASDGVAKGZAHVETAGSKTKGQRL
AtHMA4	252	MGFAPEYPRORDMVLASTNNNGYTN	NWALASDGVAKGZAHVETAGSKTKGQRL
AtHMA2	242	MGFAPEYPRORDMVLASTNNNGYTN	NWALASDGVAKGZAHVETAGSKTKGQRL
AtHMA3	248	MGFAPEYPRORDMVLASTNNNGYTN	NWALASDGVAKGZAHVETAGSKTKGQRL
AtHMA1	299	MGFAPEYPRORDMVLASTNNNGYTN	NWALASDGVAKGZAHVETAGSKTKGQRL
		TM5	Phosphorylation
		TM6	
TcHMA4	316	IDKCSQYTPAILISAGFAIVP	ATMKVENLNFWHLALVVLVSACPGLILST
AtHMA4	312	IDKCSQYTPAILISAGFAIVP	ATMKVENLNFWHLALVVLVSACPGLILST
AtHMA2	302	IDKCSQYTPAILISAGFAIVP	ATMKVENLNFWHLALVVLVSACPGLILST
AtHMA3	308	IDKCSQYTPAILISAGFAIVP	ATMKVENLNFWHLALVVLVSACPGLILST
AtHMA1	359	IDKCSQYTPAILISAGFAIVP	ATMKVENLNFWHLALVVLVSACPGLILST
		TM5	Phosphorylation
		TM6	
TcHMA4	370	PVATFCALTKAATSGLLIKSADYLDTL	SKIKIAAFDKTGTITRGEFIVDFKSLSRDIS-
AtHMA4	366	PVATFCALTKAATSGLLIKSADYLDTL	SKIKIAAFDKTGTITRGEFIVDFKSLSRDIS-
AtHMA2	356	PVATFCALTKAATSGLLIKSADYLDTL	SKIKIAAFDKTGTITRGEFIVDFKSLSRDIS-
AtHMA3	362	PVATFCALTKAATSGLLIKSADYLDTL	SKIKIAAFDKTGTITRGEFIVDFKSLSRDIS-
AtHMA1	418	PVATFCALTKAATSGLLIKSADYLDTL	SKIKIAAFDKTGTITRGEFIVDFKSLSRDIS-
		TM5	Phosphorylation
		TM6	
TcHMA4	429	LRSLLYWSSVESKSSHPMAAT	TVDYAKSVSVEPPEEVEDYQNFPG
AtHMA4	425	LRSLLYWSSVESKSSHPMAAT	TVDYAKSVSVEPPEEVEDYQNFPG
AtHMA2	415	LRSLLYWSSVESKSSHPMAAT	TVDYAKSVSVEPPEEVEDYQNFPG
AtHMA3	421	LRSLLYWSSVESKSSHPMAAT	TVDYAKSVSVEPPEEVEDYQNFPG
AtHMA1	478	TNSSVITCCIPNCEKEALAVAAAMEKGT	THPIGRAVVDHGVGKDP--SIFVESFEYFPG

FIG1a

SUBSTITUE SHEET

TcHMA4	476	EGYIGKIDGNVYIGNKRIASRAGCST--VP--IEVDTKGGKTGYVYVGERLAGVFN---
AtHMA4	472	EGYIGKIDGNDIGNKRIASRAGCST--VP--IEVDTKGGKTGYVYVGERLAGFFN---
AtHMA2	462	EGYIGKIDGKLYIGNKRIASRAGCLS--VP--IEVDTKGGKTGYVYVGETLAGVFN---
AtHMA3	468	EGYIGKIDGDIYIGNKRIASRAGCLTNV--IEATMKRGKTIGYVYVCAKLTGSEFN---
AtHMA1	536	RGITATVAGVKTVAEESRRKASLGSTF--TSTF--FKSEDESKQLKDAVNASSYCKDFVHAA
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AtHMA4	527	-----LSDACRSGVQAMAEKLSLG--IKTAMLTGDNQAAAMHAAQEQLGNVLD.VV
AtHMA2	517	-----LSDACRSGVAQAMKELKSLG--IKTAMLTGDNHAAAMHAAQEQLGNALD.VV
AtHMA3	525	-----LLDCRYGVAQAMKELKSLG--IKTAMLTGDNQDAAMSTQEQLGNALD.VV
AtHMA1	596	LSVDQKVTLIHLEDQPRPGVSGVLAELKSWRLRVMMLTGDHDSAWGVANAVG--ITEV
ATP-binding		
TcHMA4	579	HGELLPEDKSKIIQEFKKEG--PTCMVGDGNDAPALANADIGISMGISGSALTQTQGTHT
AtHMA4	575	HGDLLPEDKSRIIQEFKKEG--PTAMVGDGNDAPALATADIGISMGISGSALTQTGTNI
AtHMA2	565	RAELLPEDKSEIIKOLKKEG--PTAMVGDGNDAPALATADIGISMGISGSALTQTGTNI
AtHMA3	573	HSPELLPDKARIIDEFKKEG--PTMVGDGNDAPALAKADIGISMGISGSALTQTGTDI
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TcHMA4	637	ILMSNDIRRIPOAKLARRAQRKVLNVFSTILKVGILALAFAGHPLIWAAVLTDVGTC*
AtHMA4	633	ILMSNDIRRIPOAKLARRARKVVENVCLSTILKAGILALAFAGHPLIWAAVLTDVGTC
AtHMA2	624	ILMSNDIRRIPOAKLARRARKVVENVVSTILKAGILALAFAGHPLIWAAVLADVGTC
AtHMA3	631	ILMSNDIRRIPOAKLARRARKVVENVVLSSTILKAGILALAFAGHPLIWAAVLADAGTC
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TM7		
TcHMA4	697	LLVTLNSMLLLSDRKIGN-KCYRES--SSSVLIAEALLEGAGDMEAGLIPKISLKHCKP*
AtHMA4	693	LLVTLNSMLLLSDRKIGN-KCYRES--SSSVLIAEALLEGAGDMEAGLIPKISLKHCKP
AtHMA2	684	LLVTLNSMLLLSDRKIGN-KCYRES--SSSVLIAEALLEGAGDMEAGLIPKISLKHCKP
AtHMA3	691	LLVTLNSMLLLSDRKIGN-KCYRES--SSSVLIAEALLEGAGDMEAGLIPKISLKHCKP
AtHMA1	774	LLVCLNSVRGLNDPSWSWK-----QLIVHLINKLRSQEP-----TS
TM8		
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AtHMA2	743	GCGDKKSOEKVMTTPASKTSSDILHSGCGGKQPSVAVVDS--CCGPRKPKPCDMA
AtHMA3	746	CGSKCCGPDNQOK-----
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AtHMA2	798	GCCGDKSQPHQHEVQVQOSCHNKPSGLISG--
AtHMA3		-----
AtHMA1		-----
TcHMA4	862	RGSQKKVG-----ETCKSSCCGDKEKAKETRLILLASEDPSYLE--*
AtHMA4	873	KKQAEDIVVPVQIIGHALTHVEIELQTKETCKSSCCDSKEKVKETGLILLSSENTFYLEKG
AtHMA2	829	-----
AtHMA3		-----
AtHMA1		-----
TcHMA4	899	-----KEERQITEANTVTVKQSCHEKASLDIETGVTCDLKLVCCGNIEVGEQSDLEKGMK*
AtHMA4	933	VLIKDEGNCKSGSENMGTVKQSCHEKGCSDKQETGETLASEEETDDDCSSGCCVNEGT
AtHMA2	829	-----CCGGKSOQPHQHEVQVQOSCHNKPSGLDIGTGPKEHGSSTLVNLEGDAK--
AtHMA3		-----
AtHMA1		-----

FIG.1b

SUBSTITUE SHEET

FIG. 1c

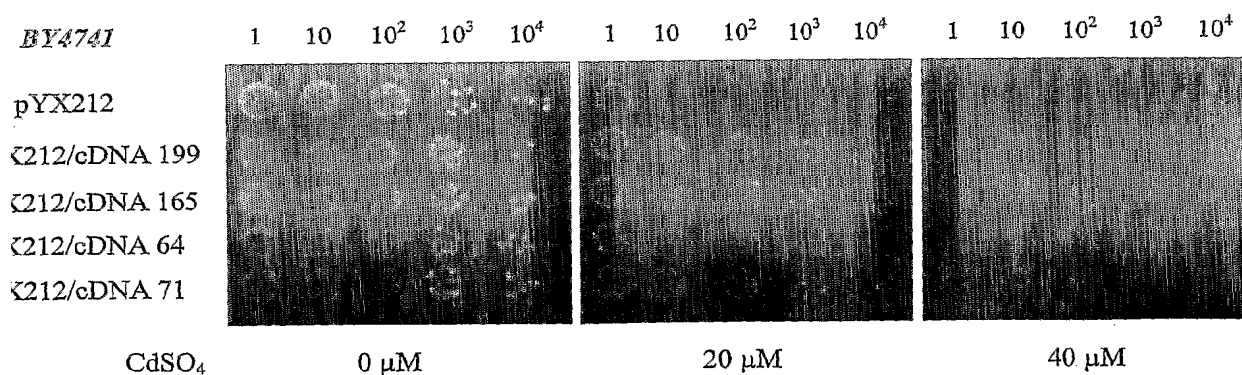
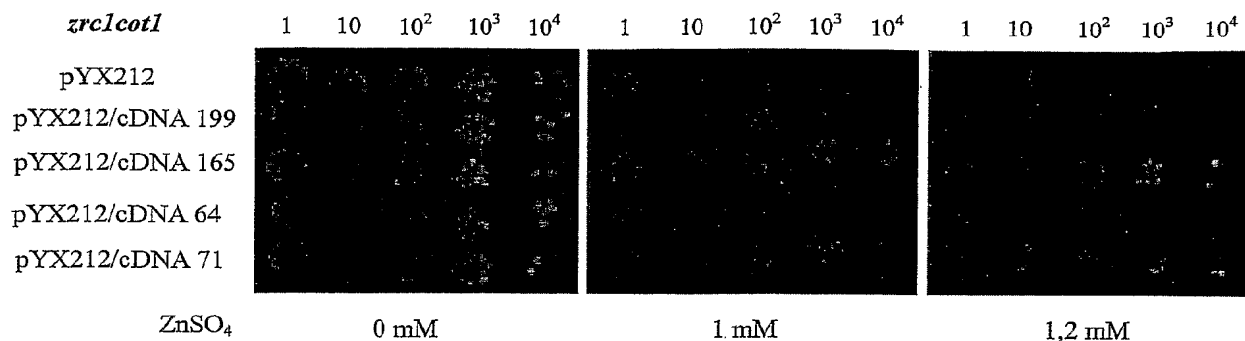
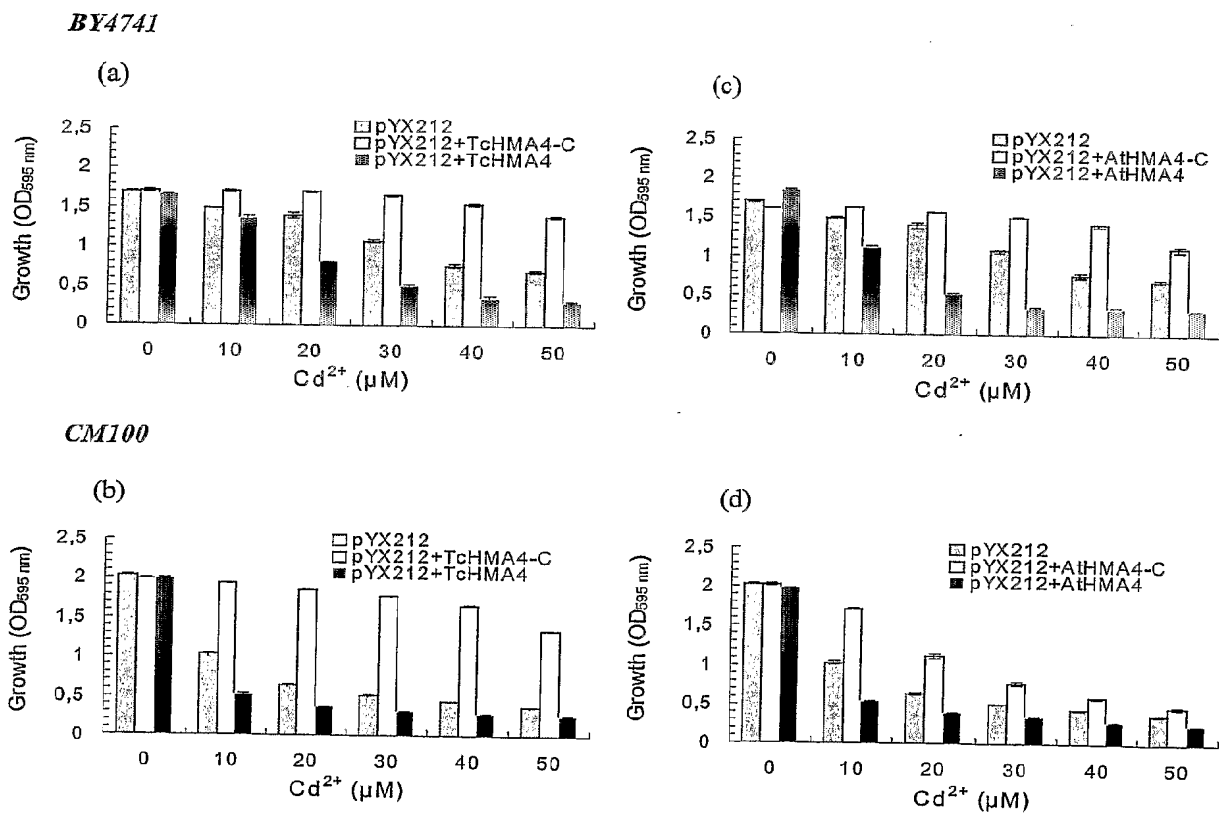
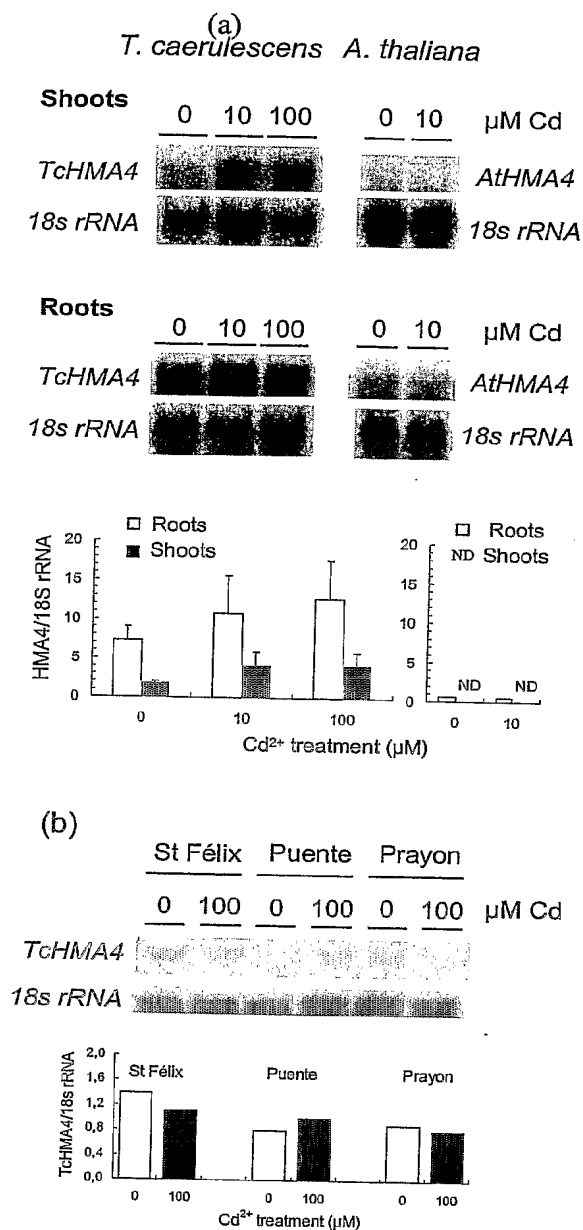
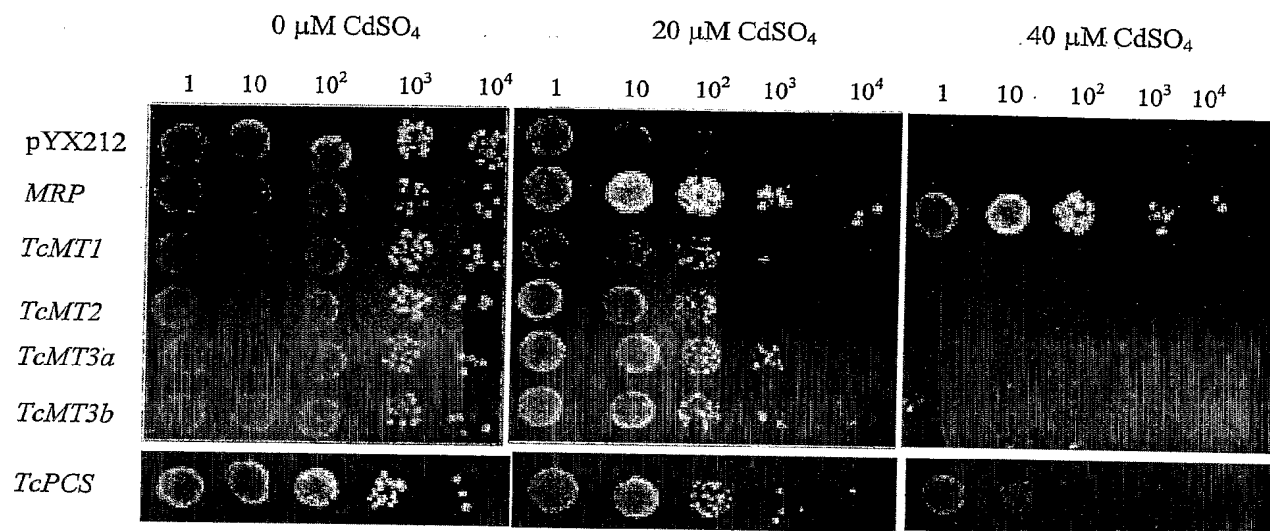


FIG. 2

**FIG. 3****FIG. 4**

**FIG. 5**

**Fig. 6**

>clone #8 (phytochelatin synthase 1)
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SEQ. ID. No. 2
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VAPAF

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SEQ. ID. No. 3

>clone#71 (fragment of potential Cd/Zn transporting P-type ATPase)
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SEQ. ID. No. 4

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SEQ. ID. No. 5

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SEQ. ID. No. 6

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SEQ. ID. No. 7

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SEQ. ID. No. 8

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SEQ. ID. No. 9

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SEQ. ID. No. 10

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SEQ. ID. No. 11

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SEQ. ID. No. 12

>clone#213-prot (metallothionein-like protein)
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SEQ. ID. No. 13

>clone#159 (heat shock transcription factor)
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SEQ. ID. No. 14

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SEQ. ID. No. 15

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SEQ. ID. No. 16

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SEQ. ID. No. 17

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SEQ. ID. No. 18

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SEQ. ID. No. 19

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SEQ. ID. No. 20

>clone#169-prot (S-adenosyl-L-methionine: salicylic acid carboxyl
methyltransferase-like protein)
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SEQ. ID. No. 21

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>clone#92b (Chl A-B binding protein)
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SEQ. ID. No. 22

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SEQ. ID. No. 23

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SEQ. ID. No. 25

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>clone#82-prot (40S ribosomal protein)
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SEQ. ID. No. 27

>clone#79 (unknown protein)

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SEQ. ID. No. 28

>clone#79-prot (unknown protein)

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SEQ. ID. No. 29

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SEQ. ID. No. 30

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SEQ. ID. No. 31

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SEQ. ID. No. 32

>clone#215-prot (unknown protein)
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SEQ. ID. No. 33

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SEQ. ID. No. 34

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